AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

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G. M. 167TH INF.
CAMP PICKETT, VA.

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Mrs. Sam Bank
c/o Zebra Variety Store
304 Main Street,
Huntington, L. I., N.Y.

3 PM Friday
Aug. 27, 1943

Dearest Mother:

I am now on a train going to Camp Pickett, Virginia. The train is rocking so much, I can't write. We left La. at 11:30 AM, and it is now 3 P.M. ~~We~~ We are now in Texas. We are on a very nice train, and all have Pullmans.

It's hot as the devil, and I miss hot.

Mother, I don't know when you are planning on coming for home, but on your way home, I want you to stop over a few days at Camp Pickett to see me. It is not much off of the route you take, and I don't know when I'll be able to get home again. Wouldn't any idea if I'll get off for the holidays

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or not, but surely hope I do. Anyway, I want you to get Tom or Lonette or Mary to go down and fix your ticket so you can ~~come~~ come over to the Camp. The nearest ~~camp~~ town is BLACKSTONE, VA. Let me know before hand so I'll get you a room. Don't forget to do this, because it will be hard to get a room in that town. We will probably be at that Camp a few months. We'll get there Monday.

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I got the box of cookies, and thanks a million. They were wonderful.

Haven't heard from Lottie since she wrote me last week that she was going to Washington, ~~the~~ last Friday. Did she go? When is she going to leave for home? Why haven't your mother in over a week? How long are you planning on staying up there?

I got a letter from Buddy yesterday, and he's o.k.

So what have you been doing? How you see any of

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your newspapers (~~[illegible]~~) there? Bet your Daddy's stopped talking yet? Right?

Got ~~any~~ a card from Daddy today, and he's fine, but a little lonesome, and probably hungry. I think so?

Where did Lottie stay with in Washington? Mother, I'll only be 150 miles from Washington, and I'll be going up there very soon. Please send me Marion's & Jeanie's & your & Daddy's address there.

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If you don't have these addresses, please write to Lottie and tell her to write me & send me the addresses. Will you please do this right away? Do you know anyone else in Washington?

That's about all, so be good, and give my best regards to all of the folks. Write real soon!

All my love,

Gerald

P.S. NOTICE CORRECT ADDRESS ON ENVELOPE!
H.B.